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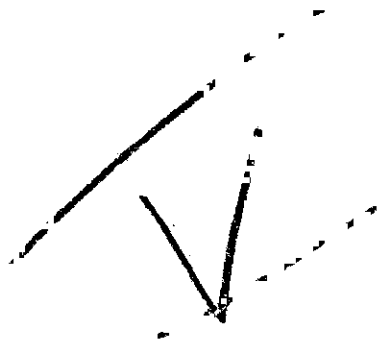
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Statement showing the action taken on the recommendations contained in the First, Second and Third Interim Reports of the Estimates Committee so far as the Public Works Department is concerned.

Paragraph Number in the report	Item and Gist of the recommendation.	Action taken (or contemplated to be taken) and present stage.	Any other remarks.
1	2	3	4
		<u>1st Report.</u>	
19.	<u>Head quarters Organisation:-</u> In order to enable the Chief Engineer to discharge his duties efficiently the Chief Engineer should be provided with a separate office. This must be done with practically no extra cost to Government.	The question is being considered in consultation with the Finance Department.	The papers are with the Finance Department.
20	The Superintending Engineers posts may be retained for a further period of 5 years and the light Circle in Gujarat should not be given additional staff until the existing staff is fully worked.	The recommendation are noted for information and guidance. The recommendation not to sanction additional staff in the G. of C. until the existing staff is fully worked is noted.	Id/- 2-8-52 (Pl. see P. 59 <u>post</u>)
21.	<u>Electricity Schemes:-</u> Proper commercial accounts should be kept in respect of each electricity scheme undertaken by Government and the rates of electricity fixed suitably to ensure self-sufficiency within a period of five years. The Accounts should make proper provision for depreciation and the amounts provided for depreciation...	Orders have been issued in Government Resolution, Public Works Department, No.7993/36, dated the 29th December 1949, that the accounts of the Electric Grid Department should be maintained on commercial basis. Further, the report recently submitted by the Committee appointed.....	

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appointed under Government Resolution, Public Works Department, No.2529/48,

dated the 27th January 1951 and the 2nd May 1951, to examine the present set up of the a counts section of the Electric Grid with a view to adopting a commercial system of accounts is under consideration.

The recommendation is noted.

22. Major and Minor Irrigation Works: It is essential to concentrate attention and efforts as much as possible on major and minor irrigation works.

Buildings.

The Committee has recommended as follows:

23. (1) The scale of accommodation and standards of construction prescribed should be reviewed with a view to effect economics as far as possible.

(2) Regarding residential buildings of all classes of Government servants, the desirability of building flats instead of independent bungalows should be examined.

(3) The proposed building, for the Agricultural High School, Jalgaon, the Cattle Breeding Farm mpri, the Poultry.. ..

Instructions have already been issued under Government Circular Memorandum No.BDG 1751, dated the 22nd September 1951.

The Superintending Engineers of Circles have been asked to examine the desirability of building flats instead of independent bungalows and to submit their proposals with plans and estimates for approval of Government.

The Superintending Engineers have been asked to take necessary immediate action so far as they are.....

Poultry Farm, Nasik, the Agricultural School, Davihosur and the Bungalows and quarters for Government servants at various places should not be proceeded with, where construction work has not already been started or is still in a preliminary stage, until the Finance Department has reviewed the plans and estimates and given its final approval.

(4) Enquiries be made with regard to the alterations to be made for the Training College at Jamkhandi, where the estimated cost appears high and the buildings to be constructed for the leprosy Hospital at Ahmedabad, as the hospital is to be shifted to another place.

Board of Communications.

24. The Committee has recommended as under:- 'The present size of the Board appears to be unwieldy and its functions and constitution of the Board with a view to make it more compact so as to enable it to function efficiently.'

26. Municipal Water Works:- Execution of Municipal water works as Government works and levy of full charges on the supply of water to the Municipalities.

are concerned to implement the recommendations under intimation to Government.

As on the 3rd item over-leaf.

The matter was discussed by the Board of Communications at its meeting held on 27th September 1951. The Board has submitted its recommendation, which is still under consideration of Government.

The recommendations are noted and have been communicated to the Local Self Government and Public Health Department and the P.H.E. to Govt.
for.....

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25. Roads. As far as possible, the programme of road works should conform to the priority fixed.

for information & guidance.

The recommendations are noted for information and guidance.

W.B.P. W. D.

As regards recommendations in para 23 of the Estimates Committee, the latest position is as follows:-

23(1)- Instructions have been given to the S.Es of Circles for cheapening the cost of buildings vide G.C.M.No.BDG 1751, of the 22-9-51.

23(2) - In G.L., No.CME 7351-W, of the 8-11-51, the S.Es. of Circles have been informed about the Estimates Committee's recommendations re: residential bungalows & have been asked to consider desirability of building flats instead of independent bungalows. The S.E., C.C. however has submitted type designs for flat type quarters for officers for Govt. approval & they are under scrutiny in this Deptt.

23(3)- The S.Es concerned i.e. S.E., C.C. & the S.E., S.C. were asked not to proceed with the works mentioned by the Estimates Committee until further orders from Govt. As regards Agrl. High School. Jalgaon, the S.E.,C.C. has reported after examining the Ps & Cs. in light of the above instructions that modifications are not possible & that residential bligs. at the project have since been dropped. The work was put up as a Sec.II New Item for the Budget estimates for 1952-53 but the same was not admitted for The S.E., S.C. has approved Govt. with sanctioned plans for Blocks I, II, & III at Agricultural School, Denhosur saying that they are not accordingly to standard approved type design. The work is provided for in the current year's budget estimates & the question of proceeding with the work is being taken up with the A & F.D. & the F.D.

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LETTER.

No.CME 2051 F.

Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle (Bombay No.1),
30th January 1952.

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay,
Bombay Legislature Deptt.

Subject:-Recommendations of the
Estimates Committee -
Consideration of -

Reference: Your letter No. 7982, dated the 28th
Decr. 1951.

2. The requisite informn. in the prescribed
statement is forwarded herewith.

By order of the Govr. of Bombay,

Asstt. Secy. to the Govr. of Bombay,
P. W. Deptt.

D.A.: -Statement
refd. to.

Copy, with a copy of the statement, forwarded
to the Finance Department, for information.

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Statement showing the recommendations made by the Board of Communications, Bombay, at the 9th meeting held on the 27th September 1951 and the action so far taken thereon by Government.

Item.	Decision.	Action taken.
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1st para. of the "Summary of decisions".	Dr. F.P. Antia referred to the form of progress report in which information regarding road and bridge works is to be furnished to the members of the Board. It was decided to circulate the 'Proforma' received from him with a view to eliciting the opinion of the members.	This has been included as item (10) of the agenda for the meeting of the Board to be held on 21-2-1952.
(2)	After general discussion, it was decided to take up the matter with the Home Department with a view to seeing if it would be possible to do anything on the lines suggested by the members.	This has been included as item (11) of the agenda for the meeting ~~next~~ of the Board to be held on 21-2-1952.
(3)(1)	It was decided to delete the last sentence in paragraph 1 of Dr. Antia's note printed at pages 34-35 of the proceedings of the 8th meeting of the Board held on 3-5-1951.	Necessary corrigendum has been issued.
(11)	It was also decided to furnish the members of the Board, every year, the requisite information, in the form furnished by Dr. F.P. Antia.	The requisite information will be compiled in the form of a statement and placed before the members at the meeting of the Board to be held in September 1952.
(111)	The members of the Board were also assured by the Chairman that the road planning of various districts would be placed before the members of the Board, as and when they would be finalised, with a view to seeing whether the priorities fixed needed to be changed.	The Planning of roads in the merged areas has not yet been finalised. Necessary action in this matter will be taken when the planning is finalized.
(4)	The matter was fully discussed and the following resolution was adopted: "That Government should take early action on the lines of recommendations of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Enquiry Committee, and that the money so raised be funed and utilised on construction of new roads, particularly concrete roads as far as possible; and that grants may also be made from such funds for the construction and/or maintenance of other roads".	The report of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Enquiry Committee is still under consideration of the Government of India. The position will be examined, when a final decision is taken by that Government.
(5)	In view of the information given by the Chairman and the Deputy Chief Engineer, the suggestion was not pressed. It was, however, decided to approach the Government of India, with a view to seeing if it would be possible to get a higher priority fixed for the proposed Nation Highway Diversion.	The matter is under consideration.

- (6) (i) It was decided to refer the above items to the Rail-Road Sub-Committee for consideration and necessary recommendations.
- (ii) These items were discussed by the Rail-Road Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 27-11-'51. The Committee has submitted a report to the Board, which has been included as item(2) of the agenda for the meeting of the Board to be held on 21-2-1952.
- (iv) Dr. Antia said that Government should assist by lending road rollers and charge them per day in the same way as the Agricultural Department does in the case of Tractors. It was decided to look into this suggestion.
- Shri Kamat reported that the Bagalkot, Hubli, and Byadgi Municipalities were refused Road Rollers by Government. It was decided to request Government to look into this complaint and report at the next meeting of the Board.
- (vii) It was decided to forward the suggestion to the Board Transport Authority for direct disposal.
- The suggestion has been forwarded to the Home Department for necessary action.
- (7) It was decided to refer this item to the Rail Road-Sub-Committee for consideration and necessary recommendation.
- This item was discussed by the Rail Road Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 27-11-1951. The Committee has submitted a report to the Board, which has been included as item (2) of the agenda for the meeting of the Board to be held on the 21st February 1952.
- (8) The matter was considered from all points of view and the consensus of opinion that prevailed among the members was that the Board may continue with its present composition, particularly as it does not involve any material expenditure. It was also decided to exclude 'Guideways' and 'Tramways' from among the functions of the Board. With the reconstitution of the Board in March 1952, it was also decided to drop two members of the Standing Committee for roads (Government of India) from the membership of the Board; and to provide for one representative only of the Road Transport Authority instead of two at present. This will reduce the membership of the Board from 33 to 30 as against 27 in the Board of Communication, Madras.
- The recommendation of the Board has been accepted by Government. The life of the present Board will cease by the end of March 1952 and the necessary constitutional changes will be effected at that time.

(9) Date of the next meeting:-

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board on Thursday the 21st February 1952.

The recommendation has been accepted and the members have already been informed accordingly.

LETTER.

P. W. Deptt.

No.CME 2051 F.

B.C.(Bombay No.1),
28-5-1952.

To

The D.S. to the Govt. of B'bay,
Legislature Deptt.

Subject:-1st, 2nd and 3rd Interim
Reports of the Estimates
Committee.

Refce:-Correspondence resting with G.M.,
B.L&D., No.1178, dt. the 21-4-52.

2. So far as the this Deptt. is concerned the position in respect of the para's 19,21 and 23 of the 1st Interim Report of the Estimates Committee, is same as stated in the statement accompanying this Deptt. Letter No.CME 2051, F, dt. the 30-1-52 so far as the para No.24 is concerned, the following recommendation was made by the Boare of Communications, Bombay, at its 9th meeting held on the 27th Sept. 1951:-

"The Board may continue with the present composition, particularly as it does not involve any material expenditure. It was also decided to exclude 'Guideways' and 'Tramways' from amongst the functions of Board. With the reconstitution of the Board in March 1952, it was decided to drop two members of the Standing Committee for roads (G. of I.) from the membership of the Board, and to provide for one representative only of the Road Transport & Authority . instead of two as at present. This will reduce the membership of the Board from 33 to 30 as against 27 in the Board of Communications, Madras."

This recommendation has been accepted in toto.

By order, etc.,

A.S. to the G. of B.

P.W.D.

Copy forwarded to the F.D. for information .

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Public Work Department.

Head Quarters Organisation.

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With regard to Government's proposal for bifurcation of the Public Works Department and the Chief Engineer's Office, the Committee suggests that all the staff which deals with the Civil Engineering side of the work should be placed under the Chief Engineer with the exception of one or two sections as Government may desire, which should continue under the direct control of the Secretary, Public Works Department. The Registry should continue to be common to both the Sections.

The question of reorganisation of Head Quarters is under consideration.

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Superintending Engineers.

A/This should be noted by P.W.D.

As recommended by the Administrative Enquiry Committee and decided by Government, the posts of Superintending Engineers should be continued for a period of five years. Officer on Special Duty (Retirement) ~~xxxxxx~~ recommendation to abolish one of the Circles in Gujarat was examined and the Committee agreed at present. However, as the Circle is lightly additional staff until the existing staff is fully worked.

No action is necessary regard the Superintending Engineer's posts. The recommendation not to sanction ~~xxxxxx~~ addl. staff. in the G. of C. until the existing staff is fully worked is noted.

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Electricity Schemes.

Proper commercial accounts should be kept in respect of each electricity schemes and the rates of electricity should be fixed suitably to ensure self sufficiency. The accounts should make proper provision for depreciation and the amounts provided for depreciation should be set apart in a Depreciation Fund.

Orders have been issued that the accounts of the Electric Grid Department should be maintained on commercial basis. The report of the Committee appointed to examine the present set up of the accounts section of the Electric Grid with a view to adopting a commercial system of accounts is under consideration.

22

Major and Minor Irrigation Works.

It is essential to concentrate attention and efforts as much as possible on major and minor irrigation works.

The recommendation has been noted.

Buildings.

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(1)

The scale of accommodation and standards of construction prescribed should.....

should be reviewed with a view to effect economics as far as possible.

Necessary orders have been issued to the Local Officers concerned with regard to the recommendations.

- (2) Regarding residential buildings of all classes of Government servants the desirability of building flats instead of independent bungalows should be examined.
- (3) The prescribed buildings for the Agricultural High School, Jalgaon the Cattle Breeding Farm, Pimpri, the Poultry Farm, Nasik, the Agricultural School, Devnagar and the Bungalows and quarters for Government servants at various places should not be proceeded with, where construction work has not already been started or is still in a preliminary stage, until the Finance Department has reviewed the plans and estimates and given its final approval.
- (4) Enquiries be made with regard to the alterations to be made for the Training College at Jamkhandi, where the estimated cost appears high and the buildings to be constructed for the Leprosy Hospital at Ahmedabad as the hospital is to be shifted to another place.

24 Board of Communications.

Government to examine the functions and constitution of the Board with a view to make it more compact so as to enable to function efficiently.

The recommendation has been accepted in toto.

25 Roads.

The programme of road works should conform to the priority fixed.

The recommendation has been noted.

26 Municipal Water Works

Whenever Government undertakes schemes like Neersagar Water Supply, the charges to be levied by Government for supply of water should be so fixed as to cover in full all expenditure on the scheme including maintenance, Repairs, depreciation etc., Government should also adopt a similar policy, subject to availability of finance for supplying water in other areas in the State when it is satisfied that resources of the local authorities are too meagre to undertake such schemes.

The recommendations are noted and have been communicated to the Local Self Government and Public Health Department and the Public Health Engineer to Government for information and guidance.

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Very Urgent.

No. 4532
Bombay Legislature Department,
Council Hall,
Poona, 28th July 1952.

From

The Secretary to the Bombay
Legislature Department;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

Subject: 1st Interim Report of the Estimates
Committee, 1951-52.
Recommendations and action
taken thereon by Government.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for your approval and return a statement prepared in this Department showing the recommendations made by the Estimates Committee, 1951-52 in its first Interim Report, in respect of your Department and the action taken thereon by Government.

2. The statement should be returned to this Department duly approved by 10th August 1952, at the latest.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- A. K. Patel
for Secretary to the Bombay
Legislature Department.

Letter.

P. W. Deptt.

Immediate.

No.CME 2051 F

B.C. (Bombay No.1),
11-8-1952

To

The Secy to the Gø. of B.
Bombay Legislature Deptt.

Subject:-First Interim Report, of the
Estimates Committee, 1951-52.

Refce:- Correspondence resting with your letter
No.4532, dt. the 28th July 1952.

2. I am directed to return herewith the statement
showing the action taken by this Deptt. on the
recommendation contained in the First Interim Report
of the Estimates Committee.

3. The recommendation not to sanction additional
staff in the G. ~~xxx~~ I. C. until the existing staff
is fully worked is noted. Remarks to this effect
have now been made on the enclosed statement.

Id/-
2-8-52

By order, etc.,
A.S. to the G. of B.

D.A. Statement refd. to .

P. W. D.